

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application after the cancellation of claims 9-16 and 19-25 herein. The Examiner is thanked for allowing claims 1-8. The application now being in condition for allowance, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Declarations

The as-filed declarations were found to be defective under 37 C.F.R. §1.52(c). New declarations for Peter Bohacek and David Sanders are submitted herewith. Applicants request that the Examiner enter the new declarations.

Claim Rejections

Claims 9, 10, and 12-25 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Applicants' Admitted Prior Art. Claim 11 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicants' Admitted Prior Art in view of Gallant (US 6,259,782). The rejections of claims 9-25 are moot in view of their cancellation herein. Applicants maintain that the cancelled claims are nevertheless patentable and reserve the right to pursue these claims in a continuation application.

CONCLUSION

All pending claims are allowed and Applicants therefore respectfully request a Notice of Allowance from the Examiner. Should the Examiner have questions, the Applicants' undersigned agent may be reached at the number provided.

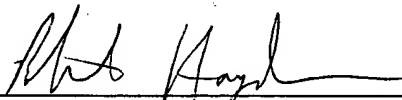
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